

EMS Administrative Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, 1:00 pm
Flathead County Office of Emergency Services

Members Present: Wayne Miller, Mary Granger, Ryan Pitts, Amy Vanterpool, Jordan Owen, Jacob Pitcher, Richard Briles

Others Present: Amy Beick, Linda Chambers, David Mangold, Juanita Nelson, James Brower, Jennifer Rau

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Wayne Miller at 1 p.m. with all but Ryan Pitts.

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Minutes for March 10th 2020: Approved

Public Comment: None

Financial Report: Juanita Nelson gave the financial report. The February 2020 Financial Summary for the FUND 4019 was corrected, the projected ending balance should have been \$92,895.48. Cash Balances as of 5/31/20 are: FUND 2272 \$134,891.95, FUND 2273 \$153,529.45, FUND 4019 \$142,570.15. The 2021 Budget was presented; it includes a 3% COLA increase. A discussion followed regarding the increase of calls compared to the property tax revenue. Jordan Owen was asked to collect prior fiscal years call numbers to look at trends.

EMS Advisory Committee: Amy Beick had nothing to report. The Committee will resume meeting in July.

EMS Program Manager Report: Jordan Owen updated the board on items from the EMS Manager's Report. Non-compliance in badging and credentialing from some EMS responders was brought up and a discussion ensued. Creating an attestation of policies and protocols as well as getting clarification from the County on the EMS board's authority were considered. The board was not able to come to a final decision.

EMS Medical Director Report: Dr. Briles gave an overview of how the Covid-19 protocols are relaxing as of June 1st. No responders came down with Covid-19 throughout the incident. Only two patients with Covid-19 were transported during that time. Ryan Pitts mentioned KRMC is looking at how to relax their protocols as well.

Approve Semi-Annual Disbursement of EMS Funds for Readiness and Response: Jordan Owen reported 36 calls had been over credited to South Kalispell Fire Department. He recommended that the board revisit and update the Call for Service Types and include Medical Special ALS. Ryan Pitts moved to approve; motion was seconded, carried.

Review and Approval of Identification of EMS Personnel, Policy 601.20: Ryan Pitts moved to approve; motion was seconded, carried.

Review and Approval of Hospital/Pre-Hospital Radio Communications, Policy 412.01 Ryan Pitts moved to approve; motion was seconded, carried.

Approval to extend use of EMS Admin. Asst.: Ryan Pitts asked about developing a long term plan. Motion was amended to include a 6-month limit and not to exceed an additional dollar amount. After investigating, no dollar amount was discovered from original motion in December. Ryan Pitts moved to approve; motion was seconded, carried.

Future Agenda Items: A video meeting will be scheduled to renew Dr. Briles' contract.

Board Member comments: Ryan Pitts was pleased with the EMS response to Covid-19. Wayne Miller is also pleased with the response but is concerned about people coming to visit this summer and what that may mean for the Covid-19 cases in the valley. Amy Vanterpool shared there is a new Covid-19 testing place in West Glacier.

Future meeting date: August 11, 2020

Adjourned: 2:26 PM